On March 21 and 22, a series of half-hour to one-hour meetings were held with various stakeholders including community organizations, homeowner associations, landowners, resource agencies, developers, interest groups, neighborhood organizations and city staff. The purpose of these meetings was to listen to the issues and observations from key interested persons relating to the General Plan Update. Approximately 20 stakeholders were interviewed over the course of two days and the meetings were held at City Hall offices. The interviews were quite informative, laying a foundation of background information and identifying many issues as well as visions for the General Plan Update.

The meetings provided an informal setting to solicit insights and issues/concerns early in the process to help inform the General Plan Update team’s efforts. In addition, an overview of the project process and schedule was furnished to stakeholders that identified additional opportunities to help shape the General Plan vision and content over the coming months. On March 21 and 22, Joe Power with Rincon Consultants and Erik Justesen and Diane Bathgate with RRM Design Group met with:

- Ron Ketchum, Air Quality Management District
- Mohdad Deakshani, P.E., LA County Public Works
- Carol Washburn, Chamber of Commerce
- Loreen Morick, Arts Council
- Julie Talbert, Talbert Foundation
- Melani Beck, National Parks Service
- Steve Harris, Mountains Restoration Trust
- John Mathews, Standard Pacific Homes
- Scott Dinovitz, D2
- Talia Shear, Teen Advisory Council
- Neil Sachran, Teen Advisory Council
- Jillian Wolter, Teen Advisory Council
- Dave Litt, Calabasas Park Homeowners Association
- Toby Keeler, Old Topanga Homeowners Association
- Tim Philen, Church of the Canyon
- Bob Ronka, long-time resident
- Alex Farassati, Calabasas Environmental Services Manager
Listed below are summarized thoughts and comments resulting from the interviews. They are organized generally by topic.

- **Community Identity/Character**
  - Open space is very important and defines Calabasas
  - People generally like things as they are
  - Continue to pursue open space lot acquisition/consolidation
  - Viewsheds, hillsides and creeks are assets and need to be protected
  - Need to create a more identifiable city image and more unity between east and west sides
  - The Colony at Calabasas is not a good example
  - Need better landscaping/screening along 101 Freeway
  - Respect scenic corridors
  - Move forward with freeway entrance beautification projects at Las Virgenes, Lost Hills, and Parkway Calabasas

- **Potential redevelopment/development**
  - Consider redeveloping Craftsman Corner and area between The Commons and 101 Freeway
  - Affordable housing - needed for a range of households, consider existing housing
  - Projects should provide amenities if seeking intensity
  - Development needs to focus on infill such as along freeway corridor and Las Virgenes village area
  - Avoid “greenfield” development – consider denser infill, mixed use projects to accommodate future needs
  - Address jobs/housing balance
  - Development must be sensitive to setting/natural features
  - Ensure development fits into topography and doesn’t disrupt viewsheds

- **Parks, trails and open space**
  - Need trail connections, destinations, viewsheds, shade
  - Enhance trail identification
  - Increase connections between neighborhoods & trails
  - Needs sports fields and equestrian facilities – consider landfill closure site
  - Add trail connections (example – connect Ahmanson Ranch equestrian trails to southern area of city)
  - Need loop trails for day users
  - Planned joint agency headquarters and visitors center off of Las Virgenes in the heart of the recreation area
  - Identify where legal trails are needed
  - Need staging area for trails as well as emergency plan
  - Increase connectivity between neighborhoods and trails
– Walkways/trails along creeks would be desirable
  – Consider permanent, non-recreational open space

• Traffic/Circulation
  – Address freeway bypass traffic and congestion near schools
  – Need better east-west access
  – Shuttle service is good – need to parking and better schedule/more shuttles
  – Consider making Park Sorrento pedestrian only
  – Keep Calabasas Road at two lanes through Old Town

• Infrastructure/Technology
  – Water quality and waste reduction is important – continue to monitor for improved technologies
  – Address aging infrastructure
  – Interjurisdictional coordination is important
  – Ensure development complies with all water quality and air quality requirements
  – Support reduction in water use and solid waste generation
  – Address urban runoff issues in creeks
  – Concerns with aging, leaky septic tanks
  – Need to improve Mureau Bridge

• Community Activities
  – Need more activities for youth
  – Consider senior center and support services
  – Need more/better facilities for cultural and community events
  – Develop art in public places program

• Other
  – Annex Craftsman Corner
  – Need to reconcile existing procedures and requirements – create more consistency between General Plan and zoning code
  – Existing General Plan has good, strong language
  – Consider amortization of undesirable signs
  – Need better guidelines for annexations